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TO: OGC [REDACTED]		
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REMARKS: Per your request, attached are the originals of all documents pertaining to Chile from former DCI Helms' personal files. [REDACTED]		
FROM: D/ES/ [REDACTED]		
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FORM NO. 241
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WHICH MAY BE USED.

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16 June 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
The White House

SUBJECT: Chilean Election

1. [redacted] telephoned me this afternoon [redacted]
[redacted]
to voice his concern about the upcoming Chilean presidential election scheduled for the fourth of September. He is advocating that the United States Government give a lot of financial help to the Alessandri campaign.

2. As you will recall, this election has been dicey and difficult to figure for a whole variety of reasons going back many months. [redacted]

We in the Agency are worried about pouring money into the Alessandri campaign, because his political organization appears to be so diffuse that we are afraid it will have little impact. On the other hand, we recognize that Allende has been coming on pretty strong despite what was alleged to be a heart attack some weeks ago.

3. The purpose of this note is to give you time to consider this problem in the event you hear from [redacted]. The Agency is following this matter closely, but it is only fair to say that we are in a quandry as to what action is wise.

(S) [redacted]

Richard Helms
Director

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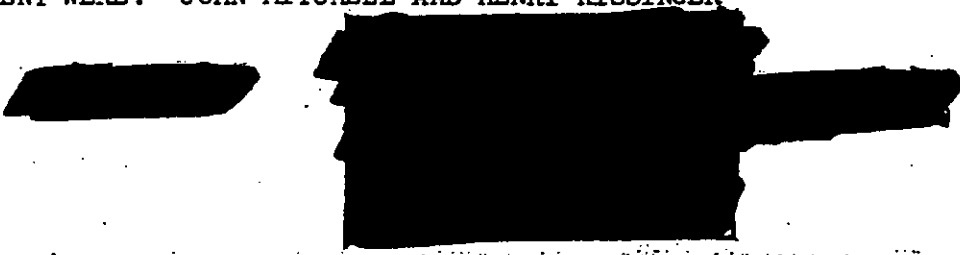
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MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT
ON CHILE

1525, 15 SEPTEMBER 1970 - - PRESENT WERE: JOHN MITCHELL AND HENRY KISSINGER



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MEETING WITH PAGE DON'T
ON CHILE AT 1525 SEPT 15, '71
PRESENT: JOHN MITCHELL + HENRY KISSINGERS

1 in 10 chance perhaps, but save Chile!

with spending

not involved risk involved

no involvement of embassy

4, 5, 6, 7, 8 available, more if necessary

full-time job - but now we have

some plan

make the summary screen

48 hours for plan of action

White per 75, 80, 85

Subj: 75, 80, 85

[REDACTED]

30 SEPTEMBER 1970

FOR: COLONEL RICHARD KENNEDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. KISSINGER FROM HELMS:

"1. WE HAVE FORWARDED AMBASSADOR KORRY'S MESSAGES TO GENERAL HAIG FOR YOU. TWO THEMES PREVAIL. THE FIRST IS THAT FREI IS APPARENTLY SINCERELY IN PURSUIT OF A FORMULA WHICH WOULD ALLOW A LOGICAL AND ACCEPTABLE MILITARY SOLUTION, BUT FREI CANNOT BRING HIMSELF TO PLAY THE VITAL ROLE OF STARTING THE ACTION.

"2. KORRY'S SECOND THEME IS THAT THE ONLY PRACTICAL WAY TO CREATE THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH FREI COULD MUSTER THE COURAGE TO ACT IS TO SEE TO IT THAT THE CHILEAN ECONOMY, PRECARIOUS ENOUGH SINCE THE ELECTION, TAKES A DRASTIC TURN FOR THE WORSE. AT LEAST A MINI-CRISIS IS REQUIRED.

"3. INTERESTINGLY, OUR BEST INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT THERE IS ANOTHER IN CHILE WHO SHARES KORRY'S VIEWS THAT A SUDDENLY DISASTROUS ECONOMIC SITUATION WOULD BE THE MOST LOGICAL PRETEXT FOR A MILITARY MOVE -- PRESIDENT FREI.

"4. KORRY HAS AN ABUNDANCE OF ECONOMIC IDEAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT A MEETING OF THE FORTY COMMITTEE ON 29 SEPTEMBER THERE WAS ACCEPTANCE OF KORRY'S ARGUMENTS.

"5. AMBASSADOR KORRY IS MARKEDLY DISTRESSED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HE IS CONCERNED WITH THE [REDACTED]

BLATANTLY PRO-ALLENDE ATTITUDES OF THE [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR, WHO KORRY
BELIEVES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOAN OFFER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

"6. I SHARE KORRY'S CONCERN. IN ANY EVENT, IT IS UNFORTUNATE
THAT THE SIXTY-FOUR PERCENT OF CHILEAN VOTERS WHO DID NOT VOTE FOR
ALLENDE ARE OBSERVERS OF A [REDACTED] POSTURE WHICH INDICATES CONFIDENCE IN
ALLENDE'S FUTURE.

"7. THE FOREGOING IS TO UPDATE YOU, SO THAT CHILE CAN HAVE AN
IMPORTANT PLACE ON THE AGENDA OF THE PRESIDENT WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
RICHARD HELMS
DIRECTOR

The Attorney General

Here is a write-up of the talk we had with [REDACTED] from Santiago. Further conversations and a more exhaustive debriefing are going on with [REDACTED] right now.

(Signed) Richard Helms
Richard Helms

Attachment - 1

18 September 1970

[REDACTED] has original Memo for the Record)

Identical memo w/attachment sent Dr. Kissinger.

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THE DIRECTOR'S NOTES TAKEN AT 6 NOVEMBER 1970

NSC MEETING ON CHILE


2 December 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger

1. 

2. NEW SUBJECT: I spoke to the Attorney General about the Chile paper on Tract Two which I mentioned to you. He said he would give it to you personally when he sees you today. This is the safest way to get it in your hands, because, as you well know, it is highly sensitive and it should not float through normal handling channels.

Richard Helms
Director



~~SECRET~~ [REDACTED]

19 November 1970

[REDACTED]

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Alexander Haig

1. Some time ago you indicated to me that Henry had requested and received from Ambassador Korry a post mortem on the Chilean presidential election. In light of this, I thought it might be useful for you to have a post mortem from us, so that you would be in a position to compare the two. I do not want to be misunderstood: I am not questioning anyone's veracity, I simply want you to have a version as seen through the eyes of my associates most immediately concerned.

2. It may be that you do not want to keep this piece of paper. In that event, please return it to me by hand and that will be the end of the matter.

Richard Helms
Director

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Attachment - 1
Post Mortem on the Chilean
Presidential Election

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